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SUBJECT: MARCH 28 MEETING WITH PANAMANIANS

FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN

1. IN MARCH 28 MEETING WITH LEWIS AND ROYO (STATE 079840) ROYO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT VARIOUS FORMULAE REGARDING SEA LEVEL CANAL PROVISIONS PRESENTED THUS FAR GAVE PANAMA TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. HE SUGGESTED AS A POSSIBILITY A SIMPLE MUTUAL WAIVER OF RIGHTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RESPECTIVE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. BASED ON HIS SUGGESTION WE PREPARED LANGUAGE WHICH FOLLOWS AT PARA 2 BELOW AND RETURNED IT TO ROYO ASKING WHETHER THIS WAS WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. HE AND LEWIS BOTH INDICATED THAT THIS FORMULA MIGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE WORKABLE AND ROYO UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT WITH HIS COLLEAGUES ON HIS RETURN TODAY. HE PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU PROMPTLY WITH THEIR REACTION. WE IMPRESSED UPON THEM THE URGENCY OF PROVIDING YOU WITH GOP REACTIONS ON ALL PROPOSED UNDERSTANDINGS/RESERVATIONS IN ORDER THAT WE CAN BE PREPARED TO COMPLETE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SENATORS WHEN THEY RETURN NEXT WEEK.

2. TEXT OF ROYO FORMULA FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. "THE SENATE

GIVES ITS ADVICE AND CONSENT . . . ON THE 'CONDITION THAT THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION TO BE EXCHANGED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SHALL EACH INCLUDE PROVISIONS WHEREBY EACH PARTY SHALL AGREE TO WAIVE ITS RIGHTS AND RELEASE THE OTHER PARTY FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE XII." END TEXT. COOPER

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